GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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SELLING OF DAUNKURI COAL COMPLEX
BIKASH CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Ltd. is goingto sell Daunkuri Coal Complex despite the huge potentialsof this complex and market for its products;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the complex can produce coke coal and gas, if the good quality of coal indigenously produced is provided to this coal complex; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to arrange for supply the good quality of coal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL & MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) & (b): Dankuni Coal Complex is losing heavily. While action was initiated for sale or leasing out of Dankuni Coal Complex (DCC), a memorandum of settlement was signed between the management of Coal India and the representatives of five federations of Trade Unions on 1st August, 2002 wherein it was decided that the Trade Union will submit a revival package for DCC and therefore the action for sale or lease was kept in abeyance. Revival package since submitted by the Trade Union is being examined at present.

(c) & (d): The complex is producing coke and gas from indigenous coal since 1990. With improvement in quality of coal, better quality coke and more gas can be produced.

For producing better quality of coke, good quality raw coal from SECL collieries having low phosphorous percentage hasbeen arranged and samples from other sources are also being analysed to establish the suitability.